



**AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH** Falls Church Area (VA) Branch

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## Co- Presidents' Message



Thank you, Dianne Bodeen, for our entertaining speaker/author at last meeting, and for bringing One More Page bookstore to join us. Many thanks to the Hospitality crew as well! (Cookies and sparkling apple cider don't just walk in the door.)

We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on November 11, 2019, at the Falls Church Community Center. We urge you attend to hear about girls' education in Fairfax County Schools, and to vote on an important issue regarding our branch's annual contributions to AAUW national funds.

**November 2019 Speaker.** AAUW's national leadership has adopted "four pillars" in their strategic plan, two of which are "Economic Security" and "Education and Training." Our November 2019 program features a speaker who is professionally focused on providing economic security and training to young women who are looking for "alternative" careers and training, and who do not wish to earn a traditional four-year degree at a college or are not able to do so.

**Falls Church Branch Donations to AAUW National Funds.** We need all members to attend and vote on which AAUW national funds will receive funding from the branch. The amount that has been set aside to make the donation equals 45% of the branch's net proceeds from the book sale. **We will vote on how to allocate that 45% among various AAUW national funds.**

**Vote Nov. 5 and Let Your Voice Be Heard.** In September, we heard about VAratifyERA's efforts to have Virginia be the 38<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. Make your voice heard on this and other important issues! VOTE on Nov. 5 for your senators and delegates. They will represent you in the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate for the next two years, and they will reapportion the state for the next *ten* years after the 2020 census!

**Northern District of Virginia.** The northern District of Virginia AAUW meeting was held on October 26, 2019, with Marion Jarret and the two of us attending from Falls Church. **All members are welcome to attend these meetings.** Several initiatives were discussed, including the Alexandria VA AAUW Intervention Initiative regarding Human Trafficking. Through the initiative, the branch intends to educate the community about human trafficking in our region, engage in advocacy and research, and develop an AAUW Angel App and Angel Alert. The Alexandria

branch requested support from all Northern Virginia branches as the Alexandria branch applies for an AAUW Community Action Grant. The Board of Falls Church has given our support.

The state's Diversity and Inclusion and the AAUW Five Star initiatives were also discussed. Finally, branches were reminded to make their contributions to national AAUW funds before the end of 2019, and to strongly consider providing at least some of their funding to AAUW's new fund, the "Greatest Needs Fund."

**The Book Sale.** We are having the book sale! We are announcing it to other AAUW branches and the public. We will begin receiving books and sorting books the first week of January 2020. Where: **Willston Multicultural Center, 6131 Willston Drive, Falls Church, VA will be our new location for storing and sorting the books.**

Sharon and Elizabeth

P.S. We are still determined to enjoy an outing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Should we take a field trip to view and absorb three exhibits regarding the women who sacrificed to achieve the vote for all of us? Current exhibits include: ***Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote*** at the Library of Congress; ***Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote*** at the National Archives; and ***Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence*** at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. We are also interested in seeing ***Women: A Century of Change***, an exhibit at National Geographic highlighting women from around the globe, with photos selected from 130 years of the *National Geographic*.

## November Meeting

Please join us for dinner before the Branch Meeting!

When: November 11 at 6:00pm  
Where: Northside Social  
205 Park Avenue  
Falls Church



Parking is limited, so consider parking at the Community Center and walking.

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## Welcome Our New Members

AAUW would like to welcome two new members to our branch: Elisabeth Baker and Christine Pham. WELCOME, LADIES!

Also, Sharron Labarbera has met with some staff members at Virginia Tech - Northern Virginia Center this month to share information about AAUW membership and fellowship/grant opportunities available through AAUW.

## Start Smart/WorkSmart



AAUW challenged itself to train 100,000 people in StartSmart/WorkSmart salary negotiations by August 22, 2019, and met the goal!! Now, AAUW has set a goal to train ONE MILLION people in StartSmart/WorkSmart in the coming years!

AAUW encourages all members to take the training and spread the word. The training is still available and the ability to negotiate on one's own behalf is always important.

AAUW writer Beth Haynes, a member of the Board of Directors said: "I thought I didn't need the training. I've been out of the workforce for more than 20 years. But then I started thinking about all of the ways that training in negotiations could have helped me in the last couple of years. I bought a new car. I helped my 93- year-old friend secure an apartment in an assisted living facility. I'm a certified parliamentarian and I have to negotiate contracts with groups who need parliamentary services." The bottom line is that much of life is a negotiation among friends, family or members of your community!

We encourage you to sign up at <https://salary.aauw.org/> . It doesn't take very long and it will pay off—personally for you and your friends and family who take the training.

## YES! THERE WILL BE A 2020 BOOK SALE!

It may not look like the sales of the past, and it might not earn as much money, but we will do our darnedest to make it successful.

First the pluses: It will be indoors, so sorting will not be a weather problem. Tables are in place, so set-up will be much less work. The people whose space we are using are wonderful. We may have neighborhood kids to help with the heavy work. Recycling is on the site.

Now the not-pluses: Dianne plus Sarah (*we will be in charge*) do not equal Mollie! (*who is taking a well earned get-away*). We will therefore be asking you for support as often as you can give it to us. Sometimes it will be brawn, other times brain, as there are many tasks connected to the sale.

Now the facts: We will be using the Willston Multicultural Center's lower floor. This building is off Patrick Henry, and can be accessed in two ways. At the November meeting we will have a map to show you just how to get there. Sorting will begin on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10, and will follow every other week (Jan 18, Feb 1 and 15). We will take the 29<sup>th</sup> off, unless we need it, because starting

March 7, we will sort every week until the sale (April 17-18). Please bring a sack lunch; we will ask different people to bring drinks.

Sarah and I are enthused about the possibilities, even with the space limitations. We can sort intelligently and have a wonderful sale. Hear more about it at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

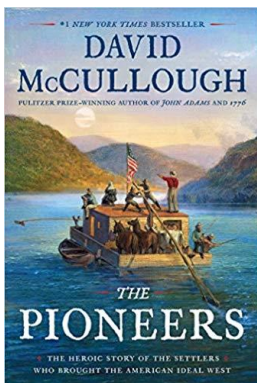
Dianne and Sarah

## Public Policy

**VAratifyERA** spent the summer and fall educating Virginians about the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment to them. If the General Assembly votes for ratification during its 2020 session, Virginia would become the final (38th) state needed for the ERA to become law. The coalition is spending the final days before the election on November 5 in get out the vote activities in an effort to ensure that delegates who support ratification are elected.

**AAUW of Virginia's Federal Lobby Day** on October 17 was very successful. Over 30 AAUW members from across Virginia participated, including a number of women who were not Lobby Corps members. The participants visited all the Democrats and Independents in the Senate to thank them for cosponsoring the Paycheck Fairness Act. They also provided each office with AAUW's latest research on the gender pay gap for each state and congressional district. They asked the Senators to use AAUW's research to raise public awareness about the Paycheck Fairness Act, to encourage their Republican colleagues to support this important legislation, and to call for swift passage of the bill.

## Book Club News



Our November selection for history is The Pioneers by David McCullough. We will meet on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at Starbucks, 344 W. Broad Street, Falls Church at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. Also we will be voting on book selections for Jan., Feb., Mar., and May so stay tuned for an email so that you can cast your votes for your choice of books. Everyone can vote.

We hope you will join us on November 19<sup>th</sup>!

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough rediscovers an important and dramatic chapter in the American story- the settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would come to define our country.

## WHAT IS AAUW'S LEGACY CIRCLE?

I've been given an assignment by the state board. To explain AAUW's Legacy Circle to branch members. the Legacy Circle is AAUW's legacy society recognizing a person's intention to make a planned gift to AAUW. Planned gifts such as bequests, beneficiary designations or other deferred gifts are a wonderful way to support AAUW at no cost to you during your lifetime.



Like you, I love AAUW. I hadn't really thought of my estate, but the more I heard about the Legacy Circle the more I knew I wanted to be a part of this group of visionary dedicated supporters who are advancing AAUW's mission long into the future through planned giving. I've always been told that you should never give from the bottom of the pile. You should always give from the top -- give the best, not the least. Those words led me to become a proud member of the Legacy Circle.

I encourage all of you branch members in Virginia to join Virginia's current 40 Legacy Circle members in making this commitment- -- in whatever amount you feel comfortable. Your joining this year could help AAUW Virginia reach its Five Star goal. To receive the program star, we must increase our state Legacy Circle membership by 10% which, you all can see, is four new members by next June. Won't you help us reach that goal?

Please visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-enrollment-form/> to download the enrollment form, or contact me with any questions.

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AAUW Strategic Plan

Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls



Education & Training



Economic Security



Leadership



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BRANCH

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## ***OUT IN THE OPEN ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT!***

Please come to listen to and join in a discussion with Abby Raphael, co-chair of Arlington County's Project PEACE (*Partnering to End Abuse in the Community for Everyone*). PEACE is a coordinated community response dedicated to advancing the most effective and efficient array of education, prevention, protection, and support services to end domestic and sexual violence in the community. \_



*Become better informed on this issue and learn how to help in the effort to end abuse in our community.*

**SATURDAY, November 16th, 2019**

**10:30am to NOON**

**Arlington Public Schools - Career Center**

816 S. Walter Reed Drive (*off of Columbia Pike*)

1st Floor - Dining Room

Light refreshments will be served.

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 11	6:00pm 7:30pm	Dinner at Northside Social, 205 Park Avenue, Falls Church Branch meeting, Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA
November 16	10:30 am	Out in the Open About Sexual Assault, Arlington Public Schools Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA
November 19	7:30pm	Book Club, Starbucks, 344 W Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 <b>Please note: this is a change of venue!</b>